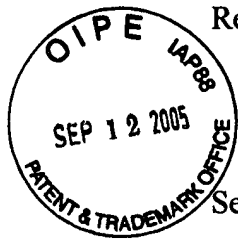


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This document is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Mailed August 29, 2005, indicating that Replacement Sheet 2 should have been labeled "New Sheet". Enclosed is an amendment to the drawing indicating this. No new matter is added to the application.

**Amendments to the Specification.** There are no amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the Claims.** There are no claim amendments.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper, and includes an attachment with one Replacement Sheet and one New Sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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